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Ten Candidates for Places on Helena Association Team Show Up This Morning.

LODELL AFTER TWIRLERS

Pendleton Has Good Line of Players With Exception of Missing Department—Two Men Released.

Garbed in heavy sweaters, a squad of 10 players, who will try out for positions on the 1914 Helena Union association team, were put through the preliminary practice paces this morning on the Vaughn street grounds under the direction of Manager Jess Garrett. On account of the cold weather, Garrett made his proteges bundle up and content themselves with a light practice.

The players may indulge in light batting practice this afternoon if Old Sol manages to get through the clouds. The ground is a bit soft at the present time, but as there will not be much running, it will not be out of the question. Manager Garrett expects practically all of his players here by tomorrow afternoon. Those on hand at the present time are: Pitcher Winterbottom; Catchers Gibson, Crittendon and Gleason; Infielders Sigbee, Bogart, Carey and Dorney; and Outfielders Stepp and Dean.

Lodell Wants McGarrigle.
Pitcher McGarrigle, who showed such good form in the Pendleton training camp last season, is sought by Al Lodell for this season's team. If his arm is in shape he will make a dandy hurler.

Good Game Expected.
Manager Jess Garrett is looking forward to a good game Sunday, when his Helena team clashes with the Mikado team. The local Japanese team has been practicing under the direction of Carl King, manager of the Baker team, for the last two weeks.

Good Line of Players.
Manager Al Lodell, of the Pendleton Western Tri-State league team, left this morning for Pendleton, where his team will start training Sunday for the opening of the 1914 season on April 7. Lodell will have but a week to put his players in shape.

Outside of twirlers, Lodell has a pretty good line of players. He has hopes of securing some good twirlers before the opening of the season. He is after a couple of the Walla Walla box men.

The players signed by Lodell to date are: Catchers George White and Ralph Colvin; Pitchers O'Dell, Duff, Gravelle and Kelly; Infielders Naughton, Peterson, Bowden, Siranahan; Outfielders Varian and Briggs. Lodell is after Jerstadt, who is with the Victoria team, and hopes to get Osborne to sign a contract, although the Grants Pass player wants to remain at home. Senner is another twirler Lodell is trying to sign.

Releases Are Received.
Releases from the North Yakima Western Tri-State league team were received yesterday by Bateman and Anderson, two local semi-pro players. Conrad Nelson got his blue slip, although it was white, from the Walla Walla club. Players Dixon, Hughes and Telford, who did not report to Walla Walla, were also turned loose.

Ackerman to Help Garrett.
Doc Ackerman, former trainer of the Colts, will help Manager Garrett condition the Helena players for a couple of weeks and then he plans to back Prexy Gilmore off the publicity deck with a Federal team. Doc is planning on grabbing all the promising local bushers and taking them on a 2,000 mile trip in Oregon, California and Nevada.

BASEBALL CHATTER

Arthur Griggs, former first baseman of the Cleveland Naps, has joined the Brooklyn Federal league team.

From all accounts, "Rabbit" Maranville is the real live wife of the Boston Braves, not excepting the scrappy Johnny Evers.

Young O'Hara has been holding down the regular job at short for the Brooklyn Superbas. He looks like a fixture with the Robinson crew.

With so many "B's" in the training camp of the Athletics, it begins to look like another sting for the other American league teams, with the world's champs copping the honey again next

October. With the Mackmen are Baker, Bender, Barry, Bush, Brown, Baldwin, Eosen, Bressler, Boardman and a second Baker, who is a rookie pitcher.

Leach Schulte and Johnson stand as the Cubs' speed merchants to date. Good has been fielding well, but has not been hitting.

Manager Jack Dunn has gathered a fast bunch of Baltimore Orioles this spring and he believes his team will outclass the Baltimore Fed outfit.

"Rube" Marquard has been doing some fine flogging for the Giants on the spring trip.

Pitcher Nap Rucker, the Brooklyn star, attributes his fine early-season condition to handball, which he played regularly all winter.

First Baseman Williams of the Yanks received a gold watch from his friends in Galveston, which is his home town, when the Yanks played there recently.

A pitcher named Cotton, hailing from Iowa, paid his own expenses to the Senators' camp to be given a tryout by Manager Griffith.

Outfielder Chappell has proved to be the heaviest hitter among the White

Sox in the games on the Pacific coast.

Ty Cobb and Sam Crawford have started to paste the pellet, which means the slaughtering of the minor leagues with which the Tigers engage in battle.

Manager Pieper of the Lawrence New England league team has signed the younger brothers of Christy Mathewson and Smokey Joe Wood. Both boys are pitchers.

Joe Oeschger, the Phillies' youthful player from California, cost President Baker \$3500. He played with the St. Mary's college team, with which Harry Krause also was developed.

Manager McGraw of the Giants is taking no chances these days of his regulars jumping the job. Manager Mac is signing up all his stars to long term contracts.

It has been a great spring for the Yankigans with the Giants and Red Sox. The two rookie outfits have shown up their big brothers so often in the practice games that the goats of the regulars have flown.

The services of President Dreyfuss as a schedule maker are in great demand about this time of year. The boss of the Pirates has just completed

a schedule for the Western Canadian (Twilight) league, in which the games are not started until 6 o'clock in the evening.

Newark is to have continuous baseball, now that the Long Branch team of the New York and New Jersey league has been transferred there.

"Molly" Mollwitz, understudy for Vic Slater, is showing considerable big league stuff at first base for the Chicago Cubs.

Manager Charley Dooin of the Phillies will carry four pitchers besides himself this season. But even with so many backstops, the Phils cannot afford to lose Killifer to the Feds.

With Konetchy at first, Viox at second, Wagner at short and Howrey at third, the Pittsburgh Pirates will begin the season with what looks to be the strongest infield in the National league.

Infielder Joe Judge, who is showing such speed with the Boston Red Sox, is only 20 years old. He jumped from the amateur ranks to the big show in one leap.

According to recent statements of certain big league moguls John McGraw is the highest salaried manager and Tris Speaker, Johnny Evers and Ed Sweeney are the highest salaried

players. If this is true Ty Cobb must have to buy a ticket to get through the gate.

Connie Mack's Philadelphia champions are playing in tip-top form this early in the season and other American league managers are beginning to sit up and take notice. The Mackmen are a hard outfit to beat.

The Chinese ball players who recently landed in Philadelphia have mapped out a seven months' tour, in the course of which they will play in all parts of the United States and wind up with a few games in Cuba.

The absence of Johnny Bates from the Cincinnati lineup may cripple the Reds. John is kept at his home in Steubenville by the serious illness of his wife. It probably will be several weeks before he will be able to rejoin his team.

In the practice games of the Detroit Tigers the sweet walloping of one Kavanaugh caused H. Jennings to see visions of another Cobb or Crawford.

An attack of malaria may keep Heine Wagner, shortstop of the Red Sox, out of the game until the championship season is under way.

A New York scribe says the Giants who made the world tour have become chronic tea drinkers. Larry Mc-

Lean was not a member of the touring party.

The Fort Wayne team of the Central league is to open the season at home this year for the first time in the dozen years it has been in the circuit.

The Marshalltown Central association team is to be known as the "Ansons" in honor of Cap Adrian Anson, the old Chicago player and manager, and the first white child born in Marshalltown.

None of the Athletics' recruits seem to have it on George Brickley, a brother of Charlie Brickley of Harvard football fame. Brickley, a right-hand sticer, is the hardest hitter of any of Mack's youngsters.

Miller Huggins says his Cardinals will not be crippled by the desertion of Evans to the Federals, since he had planned to can Steve, anyway. It must be true that all of the players who jumped to the Feds were ready for the scrap heap when they flopped.

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